

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Assembly Member Florez

April 2, 2001

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 46, as amended, Florez. The *Kern County* Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 as the *Kern County* Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques designating that portion of State Highway Route 99 and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, From June 25, 1950, until July 27, 1953, the
2 United States was involved in a bloody conflict with North Korea
3 and China following the North Korean invasion of South Korea;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Of the 1,789,000 Americans that served in Korea
6 for the purpose of preventing the Communist takeover of South
7 Korea, 36,516 Americans died, 103,284 were wounded, 7,245
8 were prisoners of war, and 8,176 are still unaccounted for; and

1 WHEREAS, There were 42 Kern County military personnel
2 killed in action in Korea, three died while missing, two died while
3 captured, and six died from wounds, and approximately 8,120
4 Korean War veterans presently live in Kern County; and

5 WHEREAS, Thirty-six Korean veterans recently organized as
6 the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA), Charles N.
7 Bikakis Chapter, P.O. Box 10133, Bakersfield, CA 93389-0133;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Active participants of KWVA include Highway
10 Committee Chairmen Michael Sabol and John Cave, representing
11 Jeryl Matthews, President, Bob Friday, 1st Vice President, Bob
12 Castle, 2nd Vice President, Tom Jones, Secretary, Ralph Smith,
13 Treasurer, Gene Dixon, Historian, Isaac Ornelas, MIA/POW
14 Officer, Ed LeLouis, Judge Advocate, James Ledbetter, Chaplain,
15 John Bausano, Advisor, Harvey Ginn, Advisor, Tom Lewis,
16 Publicity Chairman, and members James J. Abel, Samuel L.
17 Barton, Daniel J. Boehm, Raymond Carlson, Billy Ellis, William
18 M. Jackson, Ray M. Johnson Jr., Glenn E. Knox, Humberto
19 Marques, Fred J. Moore, William L. Painter, James R. Parris,
20 Frances Ramirez, Kenneth R. Raymond, James H. Robertson, Jose
21 Rojas, Richard S. Smith, Leroy G. Stone, Walter E. Swanson, Neal
22 T. Vance, Dale R. Wilson, and Joseph D. Yopez; now, therefore,
23 be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of State Highway Route 99
26 that is between the ~~Northern~~ northern Kern County line in Delano
27 at County Line Road (J44) and the southern terminus of Route 99,
28 three and one-half miles south of Mettler, is hereby officially
29 designated as the *Kern County* Korean War Veterans Memorial
30 Highway; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
32 determine the cost of appropriate plaques, consistent with the
33 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the
34 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
35 sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
37 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

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